

## Bills in the News: COVID-19

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The COVID-19 pandemic has inspired legislation addressing how the state may respond to future pandemics, and, more broadly, to future disasters.

Legislation directly related to COVID-19 can be found under the subject [COVID-19](#) via the [Texas Legislature Online](#) website.

### Bill Search

Select Bill Search under the Search tab. Click on Select subject criteria to display a list of subjects that can be used in your search.

Scroll down the list and highlight COVID-19, then click the top arrow button to move the subject into the Selected: column. Use the arrow buttons to select and de-select subjects. Click OK. The Bill Search screen will reappear. Click Search in the top left corner to display a list of bills that include the selected subject.

To narrow a subject search, choose additional subjects ...

and select the And radio button before clicking on Search.

Narrowing a subject search usually results in fewer bills that are more specific to the

issues of interest.

While some legislation has been filed specifically in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional legislation has also been filed to address how Texas responds to disasters in general, including disaster that occur when the Legislature is not in session. Use the broader subject term **Disaster Preparedness & Relief** to locate legislation related to disaster response and mitigation.

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